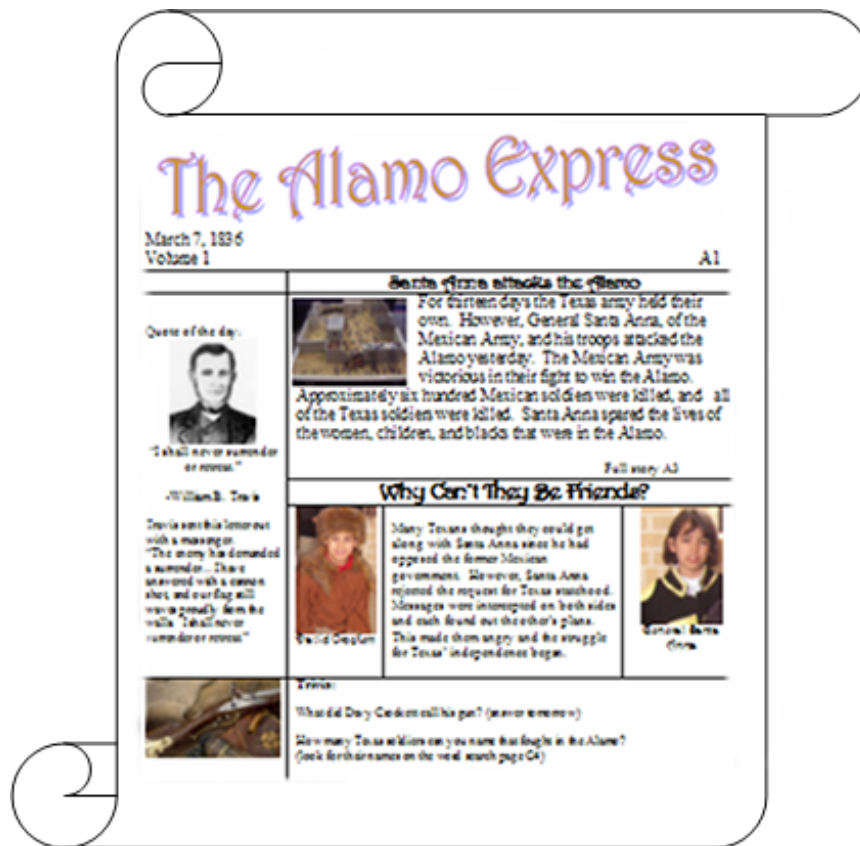




Presenting:

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Agenda



Creating Historically Based Newsletters in Microsoft Word

- I. Welcome
- II. Review making a template in Microsoft Word
- III. Brainstorm topics covered in Social Studies class Elementary and Secondary topics
- IV. Internet research
- V. Developing and assigning student roles
- VI. Creating a newsletter
- VII. Evaluations



Things to ponder before doing this activity

1. Whole class activity?
2. Small group activity?
3. What roles could be assigned to the students?
4. What are some other ways students can create this besides on the computer?
5. How could this activity be done if a teacher only has one computer in the classroom?



Classroom Newsletter / Newspaper Template

Insert a picture here	Title of your newsletter			Insert a picture here
	Type class schedule here		Homework	
			Monday:	
			Tuesday:	
			Wednesday:	
			Thursday:	
			Friday:	
			Weekend:	



This is just a sample template that I created in several minutes. You can create a template one time and change the information from week to week.

Steps:

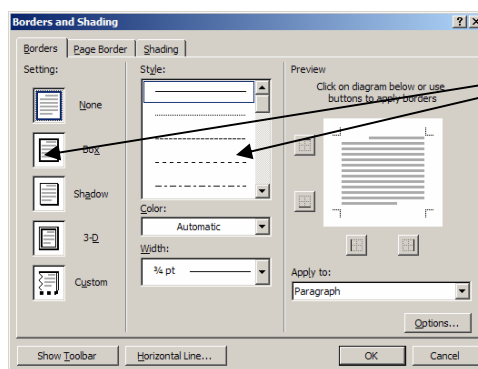
1. Open Word.
2. Click on the centering tool.
3. Click on Table, then Insert, then Table and choose the number of columns and rows you want. (You can add more or take some away, so don't worry too much about the numbers you choose.)
4. If you want some of the cells to be larger, highlight the cells you want together, then right click in the highlighted part and choose Merge cells. If you need more cells, click in a cell then go to Table, split cells and choose the number of rows/columns you need.
5. Insert a graphic from the internet to make it cute. These can be changed each week or you can leave them permanently.

	Title of your newsletter			
	Type class schedule here		Homework	
			Monday:	
			Tuesday:	
			Wednesday:	
			Thursday:	
			Friday:	
			Weekend:	

6. Click in the cell where you want to place the graphic.
7. Go to Insert on the toolbar, then Picture, then Clip Art.
8. Choose a graphic you like and click on it and it should go into the cell. You have to right-click and copy then paste for some graphics.
9. Now you can add a border to give it more oomph!







	Title of your newsletter			
	Type class schedule here		Homework	
			Monday:	
			Tuesday:	
			Wednesday:	
			Thursday:	
			Friday:	
			Weekend:	

10. Highlight your table and click on Format.
11. Choose Borders and Shading.



Choose a border from the left hand column.
I chose "All" so all of my cells would have a border around them.

The template I created above is very small. You will make yours to fit on a regular sheet of paper. You will just hit enter to make your cells "grow larger". When you get a template that you like save it to your documents for the next week!

<h1 style="text-align: center;">The Alamo Express</h1> <p>March 7, 1836 Volume 1</p> <p style="text-align: right;">A1</p>		
<h2 style="text-align: center;">Santa Anna attacks the Alamo</h2>		
<p>Quote of the day:</p>  <p>"I shall never surrender or retreat."</p> <p>-William B. Travis</p> <p>Travis sent this letter out with a messenger. "The enemy has demanded a surrender...I have answered with a cannon shot, and our flag still waves proudly from the walls. I shall never surrender or retreat."</p>	 <p>For thirteen days the Texas army held their own. However, General Santa Anna, of the Mexican Army, and his troops attacked the Alamo yesterday. The Mexican Army was victorious in their fight to win the Alamo. Approximately six hundred Mexican soldiers were killed, and all of the Texas soldiers were killed. Santa Anna spared the lives of the women, children, and blacks that were in the Alamo.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Full story A3</p>	
<h2 style="text-align: center;">Why Can't They Be Friends?</h2>		
 <p>David Crockett</p>	<p>Many Texans thought they could get along with Santa Anna since he had opposed the former Mexican government. However, Santa Anna rejected the request for Texas statehood. Messages were intercepted on both sides and each found out the other's plans. This made them angry and the struggle for Texas' independence began.</p>	 <p>General Santa Anna</p>
<h3>Trivia:</h3> <p>What did Davy Crockett call his gun? (answer tomorrow)</p> <p>How many Texas soldiers can you name that fought in the Alamo? (look for their names on the word search page C4)</p>		
<p>The map below shows the battle sites in the Texas Revolution. The first shots were fired in Gonzales. The fighting continued in San Antonio. There was then the Massacre at Goliad. The revolution ended with the Battle of San Jacinto.</p>  <p>More details on each of the battles can be found on pages A4-A5.</p>		
		 <p>Soldiers fight at The Battle of the Alamo.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Full story A6</p>

Resources and Links

Resources:

Big Six

<http://www.big6.com/kids/>

NESPA (National Elementary Schools Press Association)

<http://www.nespa.org>

EBSCO

<http://search.epnet.com/>

User name: s1001513 Password: password

<http://www.cobblestonepub.com/pages/FARossi.html>

<http://www.connerprairie.org/Education/dl/LiterarySocietyPeriodicals.pdf> (writing paper in 1836)

http://www.readwritethink.org/lessons/lesson_view.asp?id=249

http://www.territorialkansasonline.org/cgiwrap/imlskto/index.php?SCREEN=lesson_plans_brown_dear_wife

<http://www.csun.edu/~hcedu013/cevents.html>

Social Studies Links:

<http://surfaquarium.com/newsletter/colonies.htm>

<http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/aia/part1/title.html> (Africans in America)

<http://earlyamerica.com/> (Archiving Early America)

<http://www.angelfire.com/stars3/education/> (page of Social Studies websites)

<http://www.oregontrailcenter.org/> (Oregon Trail)

<http://www.lex5.k12.sc.us/nres/intrane0/ushist.html> (US History)

<http://www.smplanet.com/civilwar/civilwar.html> (Civil War)